

**ATA A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND FOR GADSDEN  
COUNTY, FLORIDA ON NOVEMBER 1, 2016 AT 6:00  
P.M., THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDING WAS HAD, VIZ:**

**Present:** Brenda A. Holt, Chair, District 4  
Eric Hinson, Vice Chair, District 1  
Dr. Anthony "Dr. V" Viegbesie, District 2  
Gene Morgan, District 3-appeared by phone  
Sherrie Taylor, District 5  
Nicholas Thomas, Clerk of Court  
Robert Presnell, County Administrator  
David Weiss, County Attorney  
Marcella Blocker, Deputy Clerk

**INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Holt called the meeting to Order at 6:00 p.m., asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence and then led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U. S. Flag. A silent roll call was conducted by Marcella Blocker, Deputy Clerk.

**AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Presnell advised he would like to remove Item 1-Teen Court Update and add approval of Proclamation of Amberly Renee' Williams as the 110<sup>th</sup> Miss FAMU as Item 2A.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED.**

**AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES**

**1. Teen Court Update**

Item pulled

**2a. Approval of Proclamation for Amberly Renee Williams, Ms. FAMU**

**CLERK OF COURTS**

Mr. Thomas was present and had nothing to report.

**CONSENT**

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA.**

**2. Ratification to Pay County Bills**

**3. Approval of Minutes**

- a. April 5, 2016-Workshop

**ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**

**CITIZENS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**4. Howell Road Paving-Bid Award**

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for board approval to award the bid for the Howell Road paving project to CW Roberts Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$53,287.76.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE ABOVE ITEM.**

**5. Approval of the Non-Profit/Human Services Funding Agreements and Interlocal Agreements for Human Senior Services for Gadsden County Seniors for FY 2016/2017**

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for board approval of the Non-Profit/Human Services Funding Agreements for Human Senior Services for FY 2016-2017 and for authorization for the Chair to sign.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.**

**6. Approval of Non-Profit/Human Services Funding Agreements for FY 2016/2017**

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for board approval of the Non-Profit Funding Agreements that were included in the budget.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.**

**7. 2016-2017 EMS County Award of Grant Funds**

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval to apply for the 2016-2017 EMS County Award of Grant Funds from the Florida Department of Health in the amount of \$10,312.00.

**COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE OPTION ONE AND COMMISSIONER TYALOR MADE THE SECOND. COMMISSIONER MORGAN HAD A QUESTION BEFORE THE VOTE.**

Commissioner Morgan said he had read the agenda item and asked what was meant by “pre-hospital expansion”. Mr. Presnell explained that was part of the grant and the awards were only for equipment and upgrades dealing with someone pre-hospital and meant station equipment or pre-transport equipment.

**CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.**

**8. Grant Agreement Execution for Renovations to the Old Courthouse**

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said was for Board approval of the execution of the

grant award agreement...

**COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL AND SECOND MADE BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR. BEFORE THE VOTE, THE COUNTY ATTORNEY ASKED TO MAKE A COMMENT.**

Mr. Weiss said the document attached to the Agenda item had proposed revisions he had made and was told they would not accept any changes; wanted to clarify the document they were approving was without the proposed changes.

**CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.**

**9. Grant Agreement Execution for W.S. Stevens School Removal of Regulated Asbestos Materials**

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval of the execution of the grant award agreement between the State of Florida Department of State, Florida Division of Historical Resources and the Gadsden County BOCC and the amount of the award was for \$50,000 and all renovations must be completed by June 30, 2018.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.**

**10. Part & Recreation Improvement Authority**

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for the Board to consider the creation of a Park and Recreation Improvement Authority.

Chair Holt said she had no problem with setting up a committee but wondered about an Authority because an Authority could set their own rules and regulations that, depending on how they were set up, might not be subject to approval by the Board and used the Airport Authority as an example and wanted to make sure that did not happen. Mr. Presnell said they did not envision this being an Authority that made up their own rules and by-laws and each Commissioner would select a member and they would report to the Board. Commissioner Morgan asked if each commissioner would appoint from their district; Chair Holt said that should be left up to that Commissioner because there may not be someone willing to serve from the district and someone else may want to serve and then they could appoint from another district.

Commissioner Viegbesie said he was glad this was coming to fruition.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE FOR APPROVAL OF OPTION 1 AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.**

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

**11. Update on Various Board Requests**

Mr. Presnell said there was a request from the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network for the Board to issue a Proclamation supporting the observance of November 17<sup>th</sup> as World Pancreatic Cancer Day.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR, THE**

**BOARD BOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.**

Mr. Presnell reminded the Board of the Retreat scheduled for November 10<sup>th</sup> at the Bill McGill Library at 4:00 p.m.

He said there would be a Veterans' Day celebration on November 11<sup>th</sup> at the Courthouse.

**Update on contract for use of space at Hospital** He said the contract for use of space at the hospital had been forwarded to CRMC. Mr. Weiss said they had been told they would get right on it and under their lease agreement; they had thirty days to respond.

Mr. Presnell said he was looking into the swearing in of the Commissioner and came across that it had to be the second Tuesday after the first Tuesday and would not be their regular meeting night and they would need to have a special meeting on November 22<sup>nd</sup> to meet the statutory requirements. Commissioner Viegbesie asked since Gadsden was a non-charter county, "the Commissioners should be sworn in to be in office on the second Tuesday following such election" and felt it was OK to hold the swearing in on the second meeting. Mr. Presnell said he understood it to be 14 + 8 days after the election and they would need to have a special meeting and do the ceremony on the fourth Tuesday. Mr. Weiss said he wondered if they had to be sworn in then or wait until the following meeting. Chair Holt said they would not be able to take their seats until the first meeting in December and that would be three commissioners in that situation and they would not have a quorum in case of an emergency.

**COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE FOR A SPECIAL MEETING ON NOVEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup> FOR THE SWEARING IN CEREMONY AND SECOND MADE BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR. COMMISSIONER MORGAN HAD A QUESTION.**

Commissioner Morgan asked why not put this on the next agenda and Mr. Presnell said they had to have time for advertising.

**CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.**

Commissioner Taylor shared with the Administrator that the team he had put together at the County Office she admired, they work hard together and she said she had heard positive comments, and asked him to let them know she was pleased with comments regarding the event they had Sunday and asked him to pass the compliments on to them.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked if there was a program in place where the County could in some way provide low-interest funding to individuals for upgrading their appliances for energy efficiency as well as their houses.

***Commissioner Hinson arrived at this juncture of the meeting.***

Mr. Presnell said he thought the City had adopted a program that was for commercial purposes.

Commissioner Morgan said he understood what Commissioner Viegbesie mentioned, and said they way want to include the Tax Collector and the Property Appraiser in on the discussions.

## **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

### **12. Update on Various Legal Issues**

Mr. Weiss said regarding the potential amendment to the procurement policy for Minority business, he talked with the Leon County Attorney and discussed this with him regarding the disparity study because they had a program in place. He said they had a disparity study done every five years and basically was a legal requirement to have that program in place. He added that the contractor that did the study every time they had done it apparently had the market cornered and cost them \$100,000 each time the study was done. He said they were getting ready to do another study jointly study with the City of Tallahassee and suggested if they decided to move forward, he felt they should put out an RFP and the attorney would share theirs with us and to expect it to be pretty expensive. Chair Holt asked if their study was public record and Mr. Weiss said yes and she said they could get theirs to look at because we weren't as big as Leon County.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS**

### **13. Report and Discussion of Public Issues**

#### **Commissioner Brenda A. Holt, Chairperson, District 4**

Chair Holt said she would like to thank everyone for the attendance and support when President Clinton came to Gadsden County and it was the first time she researched and found that a President came to Gadsden County.

#### **Commissioner Anthony "Dr. V" Viegbesie, District 2**

Commissioner Viegbesie said he had nothing to report.

#### **Commissioner Eric Hinson, Vice Chair, District 1**

Commissioner Hinson said he had nothing to report.

#### **Commissioner Gene Morgan, District 3**

Commissioner Morgan said they may be aware, but there was some concerns mentioned earlier this week about the levels of lead in the water in elementary schools in the regional area and there was a focus on it. He encouraged the Administrator and Board to get with the School Superintendent and consider putting some information together to be proactive and keep the public well informed. He added if there were no opposition and was not sure if needed, but maybe they could send a resolution or request to the School Board and request they keep the Board informed of their findings.

Chair Holt felt they should make contact first with them and then do a Proclamation to support them.

Chair Holt said he had spoken about the Johnson Wood Johnson Health Care Report and the status if the school ranking and asked the Manager to send a formal letter from the Board to the School Board asking for a meeting time that was suitable to both parties.

#### **Commissioner Sherrie D. Taylor, District 5**

Commissioner Taylor said she had nothing to report.

**Receipt and File**

14. a. Letter from Decatur County, Georgia Commissioners
- b. Florida Department of Health-Gadsden Quarterly Report for ½ Cent Sale Tax Prevention and Education Program

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

15. November 15, 2016-Regular Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIR HOLT DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:33 P.M.**

**GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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**SHERRIE TAYLOR, Chair  
Board of County Commissioners**

**ATTEST:**

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**NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk**